

Application No.: 10/536,790
Amendment dated: March 1, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 18, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for a timely and thorough review of the above-referenced patent application. Claims 23-35 and 37-44 were previously pending in the application. Claims 23-35 and 37-40 are allowed and Claims 41-44 are rejected. Applicant has canceled Claims 41-44. Applicant has also amended Claims 23 and 24 to delete a "to" from each claim that was unintentionally not deleted from the claims in the response dated October 4, 2006. In light of the indication that Claims 23-35 and 37-44 are allowed, Applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Wambeke '397 Application

Claims 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the W.O. Patent Application No. 00/65397 to Wambeke et al. ("the Wambeke '397 application"). Applicant has canceled Claims 41-44. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn as moot and that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

Conclusion

Examiner Doan is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

Respectfully submitted,

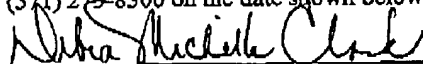


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